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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

July 25, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

PROCEED WITH IMPEACHMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise because I love my country, and I also rise because I believe that we are currently in a constitutional crisis.

The executive branch of the government is refusing to honor subpoenas lawfully issued by committees of the Congress. The executive branch of the government does not respect the judiciary.

We are in a constitutional crisis. We have a duty, an obligation, and a responsibility to do something about this.

So I rise today, Mr. Speaker, some 99 days after the Mueller report was made public. The Mueller report has been thoroughly vetted by the Members of Congress to the extent that we have talked about it and have proclaimed that there are impeachable acts that are clearly indicated within the Mueller report. The Mueller report has been discussed ad infinitum and ad nauseam by Members of Congress.

I am not saying that everybody knows what is in it, but I do know that there is a notion that there is a Mueller report and that that report has information in it—evidence, if you will—that is antithetical to the President and would, in some circumstances, be such that we would bring Articles of Impeachment.

I would also indicate that we are now 1 day since Mr. Mueller testified before the Congress of the United States of America, the Judiciary Committee and the Intelligence Committee.

Mr. Mueller has written his report. He has testified before Congress, and now the question really becomes: What are we going to do? Will we seek additional testimony? I am not opposed to it, but I do believe this: At some point, we will start to see evidence of what Dr. King called the paralysis of analysis. I believe that we are now seeing the initial evidence, if we haven't seen it before, of the paralysis of analysis.

This paralysis is something that will stall us to the extent that someone will move forward and say, rather than impeach, let's defeat.

I am not one of them. I believe that, if we violate Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution, then we ought to enforce that law. No one is above the law in the United States of America.

We must honor Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution, which deals with

impeachment. If we do not, history will not be kind to us. It especially will not be kind to those of us who are in control of this House.

We decide what comes to the floor. We decide what the agenda is. History will not be kind to us if we don't take up our duty, responsibility, and obligation pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, we are at the crossroads of accountability. Either we will hold the Chief Executive accountable, or we will be held accountable. I pray that we will do that which the Framers of the Constitution fully intended, and that is to proceed with impeachment when you have a Chief Executive who is causing harm to society.

This is a seminal moment in time for those of us who are in charge of this House. Either we will act, or we will be acted upon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CALLING FOR REJECTION OF THE BDS MOVEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the failure of some Members of the House of Representatives to condemn the global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, BDS, movement that seeks to sabotage and undermine the State of Israel is appalling to me.

Instead of empowering a movement that seeks to isolate Israel, we should be supporting our greatest ally in the Middle East.

I have seen firsthand that BDS efforts violate the core goals of universities, which thrive—or should thrive—on open exchange and debate. And I reject the rationale of some Members

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